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TOPIC Grossenhain airfield

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 14 to 16 March 1950

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1. observations of the Grossenhain (W 52/A 01) airfield 25X1
 during the period from 14 to 16 March 1950. The doors of
the hangars were closed. The fifty-four jet aircraft (type 14) were parked
in groups of six in front of the large hangar on the southern edge of the
airfield.*

Features: Silver paint, upper edge of rudder assembly red, horizontal
rod, about 50 cm long, set at rudder assembly in line with elevator assembly;
** no planes had red circles around the air intake.

2. Three aircraft flew individually and in formation at altitudes ranging from
600 to 800 meters. There was a visibility of 5 km and the sky was almost
overcast. The aircraft took off in formation, at intervals of about 50
meters. The planes usually flew for 15 to 20 minutes, sometimes over the
clouds, and usually headed southeast. The road running along the western
edge of the field was blocked during flying activity. It took about seven
minutes to refuel a jet plane.

3. A biplane took off and landed twice a day at the airfield, and flew north-
ward. No other aircraft were seen at the field. 25X1

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4. A railroad car loaded with coal was shunted at the airfield. The car
label read: "From Senftenberg (W 52/A 34) to Grossenhain-Gottbus Rail-
road station "

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Comment:

- * The presence of jet aircraft (type 14) at the Grossenhain airfield is
confirmed. Two fighter regiments whose numerical designation is unknown
are assumed to be stationed there. Some of the LA-9s previously employed
there were replaced by jet aircraft. It has not been observed that LA-9s
were shipped away.

- ** The rod at the rudder assembly of the jet planes was also seen on photo-
graphs taken of aircraft at the Finow airfield. The purpose of this rod
is unknown.

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